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La. Students Held Victims Of White Plot

BATON ROUGE, La., Nov. 27 (UPI)—A former Southern University professor, Testifying before an unofficial, all-black commission of inquiry today, said the killing of two Negro students during the recent police-student clash on the campus were part of a white plot to suppress local blacks.

"The actions of the white leadership downtown is the last dying gasp to control the black community," said George Baker, who was fired 10 days ago by Southern President G. Leon Netterville allegedly for encouraging protesting students.

Baker said by "actions," he was referring to "the murder of the students."

The "Black People's Committee of Inquiry" began calling witnesses to the Nov. 16 deaths of Denver A. Smith and Leonard D. Brown early today.

An official of the black investigating committee said the hearings would be public, but warned reporters they would be expelled from the hearings if they attempted to interview any witnesses without permission from the committee.

A 12-member State Commission of Inquiry, headed by Louisiana Attorney General William Guste, also began taking testimony today in private. Guste said the committee would not disclose the names of witnesses to testify.

Members of the State Commission include Turner Catledge, former executive editor and member of the board of the New York Times, and Revius Ortique, former member of the President's Commission on Campus Unrest.

Only eight of 14 members of the black people's committee appeared at the morning session.